

Procurement (Materiel) Office

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

I had a very nice talk today with Mr. James A. Garrison, Chief of Procurement, whom I have known since he first came on board. He spoke very freely about the tasks of the office and how administratively they have gone through a number of changes, although the function remained essentially the same. The scale of the office, however, was increased enormously in extent.

I said to Mr. Garrison that the questions which I left with him were those in which someone looking in from the outside would be especially interested, but no doubt there were matters from an inside point of view which were important and should not be neglected.

The office at this moment is more than usually busy due to the reorganizations that have just occurred, and I asked Mr. Garrison if he thought he could produce a report for us within sixty days. He said he thought it could be done.

I said to him that with regard to certain matters to which he referred, it might be preferable to put them on ice for the time being and simply refer to them in the history as being known but not mentioned. He said, in consequence, that if a situation like this occurred, he would let me have a look at the report before it was put into final form.

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